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Frenchman Will Pay the Public to
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It is said that money can always be obtained in France for three things—to open a theatre, to support a dancing girl or to found a newspaper. A man has now been found whose wealth so embarrasses him that he has undertaken to extend the scope of the newspaper business at his own expense. He is Henri Deutsch, the well-known donor of the \$20,000 prize for aerial navigation, which was won by Santos-Dumont when he sailed around the Eiffel tower within a certain prescribed time.

It seems that M. Deutsch had a restless, guilty feeling that there must be a newspaper around somewhere which might prove navigable and floatable under the encouraging buoyancy of his fortune. He found exactly what he wanted in the newspaper, *Petite Bleu*, which heretofore has had a very precarious career and threatened to go down altogether. The opulent patron of airships took the cripple in hand, and is now trying to teach the lively kind of progress he likes best to see.

The paper announces that it offers 100,000 subscriptions gratis, subject to the payment of one franc to cover the cost of postage and newspaper wrappers. This expense is estimated at \$100,000.

It is not merely by lavishing money that M. Deutsch testifies to his appreciation of the possibilities of newspaper enterprise. He has drawn up a list of the various professions, members of which will receive the paper free. Officers on the active list of the army, dress-makers, postoffice clerks and house-keepers will receive 2,000 copies each; butchers, 1,000; chemists, professors of the piano, and dentists, 500 each. A copy will go to all teachers in the departments of the Seine, but only 50 doctors and 10 policemen are on the free list.

The difficulties of selecting and apportioning deadheads among the various professions is due chiefly to M. Deutsch's notoriety to have enough money left to carry the enterprise to its completion by paying people to read it.

Dissolve one pound of laundry soap in one gallon of water by boiling, then add 2 gallons of kerosene oil; stir well and pour into 30 gallons of water, and you have Kerosene Emulsion for spraying vegetables.

THE BRIGHT SIDE.

An American project is afoot for establishing a daily paper for nervous readers, in which catastrophes will be narrated in the most soothing terms, and all calamities studiously discounted, says London Punch. We submit a few paragraphs, written in specially prepared anodyne ink, for this enterprising periodical:

Another eruption is reported from Vesuvius. The lava is said to have wandered down the mountain side in streams of exquisite tints, ranging over the whole gamut of color. Nothing more beautiful can be imagined than this sight as the gloaming merged into night. Indeed, it is considered that 10,000 persons never before have died under such charming prismatic conditions.

Eye witnesses of the recent delightful railway accident in Spain relate that the massed wreckage of the train presented a fascinating spectacle, to which only a Meryon or Whistler could do justice. The cries of the wounded, principally in A flat and E major, produced a most soothing harmony, and altogether the disaster may be numbered with the most artistically successful of our day.

How exaggerated are the usual reports concerning the dangers of influenza may be gathered from the experiences of Dr. Methusalem Tibbles, the president of the Old Port Khayyan club, who has just celebrated his 103rd birthday. The gentleman, who is in the pink of robust health, has never omitted to have a severe attack of influenza since the emergence of that alleged malady in 1890. It is, he holds, a blessing in disguise; it compels one to go to bed, and enables one while there to clear the system of other disorders. Such a testimony cannot be too widely disseminated.

The opening of the burglary season is always welcome. We now discover how far our window fastenings and door bolts are in satisfactory condition; whether or not our servants can be trusted, and what is the general opinion in the neighborhood as to our wealth. These things are cheaply acquired at the expense of a little silver, especially when we have the satisfaction of knowing that some poor fellows have for a while come within the refining influence of a superior home. As Coventry Patmore says, the burglar is the true angel in the house.

PETROLEUM HABIT IN PARIS.

The petroleum habit is said to be assuming alarming proportions in Paris, and the medical societies demand of the authorities immediate steps for its abatement. Some have ascribed this habit to the increase of the alcohol tax, but an investigation of the vice shows that it was prevalent long before the alcohol tax was imposed, and that it has been growing all the time. Physicians do not agree as to all the effects produced by it, but they do agree as to its general harmfulness. It is said not to make the victim brutal, but stupid, despondent and morose. That in France, the land of cheap and good wines, men should take to drinking petroleum as a beverage is passing strange, not to say incomprehensible.